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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 1999 for persons killed or injured in the workplace and in whose respect the flags on the Legislature building were being flown at half-mast from sunrise until sunset.

The Speaker also made a statement regarding the establishment of the Nunavut Territory on April 1, 1999 and the receipt of the Nunavut flag which had now joined the other flags of the Canadian provinces and territories being flown in the Legislative Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 63 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 66 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 27 Rimbey, Wabamun, Duffield, Fairview and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Letter dated December 1, 1998, from Deloitte and Touche Financial Consulting Group to Mr. Peter McNeil, Director, Alberta Treasury Loans and Guarantees, regarding the preparation of a business equity valuation of PSC (Payment Services Corporation), with attached share purchase agreement dated March 31, 1999, between ISM Information Systems Management Corporation and the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 646/99

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from W.L. Hess, QC, Chair, ASC (Alberta Securities Commission), to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, in response to questions raised by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, and Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo in Committee of the Whole debate on April 26, 1999, of Bill 29, Securities Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 647/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Responses to questions raised on April 21, 1999, by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding an October 1996 incident occurring at the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Plant

Sessional Paper 648/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from Jan Carroll to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the passage of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 649/99

Public announcement dated November 27, 1992, entitled "Alberta Participates in Tri-Council Meeting," produced by Lee Funke, Communications Division, Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 650/99

News release dated March 11, 1992, entitled "Alberta Announces Protective Areas Initiatives," produced by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation; Alberta Environment; and Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife

Sessional Paper 651/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Saskatchewan Bill No. 29 of 1999, An Act respecting the Collection, Storage, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information, Access to Personal Health Information and the Privacy of Individuals with respect to Personal Health Information and making consequential amendments to other Acts

Sessional Paper 652/99

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

St. Dominic Elementary School program for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Graduation 1998-1999, held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Sessional Paper 653/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to a question raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on April 15, 1999, regarding school board operating deficits

Sessional Paper 654/99

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Public invitation to the candlelight ceremony marking the 4th International Day of Mourning for Dead and Injured Workers to be held on April 28, 1999, at Edmonton City Hall as organized by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 655/99

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Responses to questions raised on April 9, 1999, during Second reading debate of Bill 16, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 656/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, proposing amendments to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, 1999, as related to user fees paid to private corporations delivering Government services

Sessional Paper 657/99

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Information package regarding the Effective Representation Consultation process currently underway across the province to consider electoral boundaries and the factors involved in determining effective representation, with attached effective representation questionnaire and a provincial representation comparison table

Sessional Paper 658/99

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated April 27, 1999, from Karen Phillips to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding the lack of funding allocated to education causing a loss of professional personnel in her children's school

Sessional Paper 659/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 1999, and the need to ensure workplace safety through responsible actions by both employers and employees, as described in the reading of a statement issued by Marjorie Scott regarding the death of her son Keith on June 4, 1994, due to a workplace accident.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

News release dated September 30, 1993, entitled "Special Places 2000 Credited for Improved Environmental Rating," produced by Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 660/99

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Pamphlet entitled "Spring '99 Report Card, Alberta's Special Places 2000 Progress Report 1998"

Sessional Paper 661/99

Fact sheet entitled "Special Places Report Card"

Sessional Paper 662/99

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Asian Heritage Month, May 1999, celebrating Asian art, tradition, and culture.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: condolences on the loss of 105 Alberta lives due to workplace accidents in 1998.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Gordon Porteous, Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies Award of Merit recipient.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Albertans who have died while on the job in Alberta due to inadequate workplace safety.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Protection Against Family Violence Act proclamation occurring on June 1, 1999.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: 68 grade six graduates of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at St. Dominic Elementary School.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Alberta Department of Transportation and Utilities, Clean World Award recipient for the annual spring cleanup program and the Adopt-a-Highway Program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ206. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Given that on pages 12, 31 and 32 of the Auditor General's report entitled "Examination of the WestView Regional Health Authority" dated March 31, 1998, the Auditor General states that different Regional Health Authorities had different assets and liabilities at their inception as well as different costs in delivering services, when will the Government implement a funding formulae that considers the factors which the Auditor General cited on pages 12, 31 and 32?

WQ210. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

In the funding formulae for Regional Health Authorities, how many data proxies (as opposed to factual data generated by the respective Regional Health Authorities) are being used and from what data sources are they derived?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216, WQ217, WQ218, WQ219, WQ220.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR207. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

The number of individuals for whom the Aspen Regional Health Authority #11 is financially responsible who are receiving continuing care and who are receiving home care.

MR209. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Copies of letters, memoranda, written communications in whatever form and however stored, between Alberta Health and Regional Health Authorities defining administration, other direct labour costs, material costs, and capital costs for the purposes of cost accounting.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR208. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Copies of letters, memoranda, written communications in whatever form and however stored, from April 1, 1997 to the present, between Alberta Health and the present Chief Administrative Officer of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority #12 which address, in whole and in part, the following issues: program reductions, program elimination, staff reductions, and other cost cutting measures.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 206 School (Grade One Entry Age) Amendment Act, 1999 —Mr. Fischer

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Blakeman	Fischer	McFarland
Broda	Graham	Severtson
Carlson	Jacques	Soetaert
Clegg	Johnson	Strang
Coutts	Klapstein	Thurber
Ducharme	MacDonald	Trynchy
Evans	Mar	

Against the motion: 26

Amery	Kryczka	Sapers
Burgener	Laing	Shariff
Cao	Leibovici	Smith
Day	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	MacBeth	Tannas
Dunford	Magnus	Taylor
Friedel	Nelson	Yankowsky
Fritz	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Olsen	

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:32 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Mr. Doerksen
- Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of Mr. Stevens
- Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang
- Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day on behalf of Mr. Hlady

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 663/99

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 664/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:18 p.m. until Thursday, April 29, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 28, 1999